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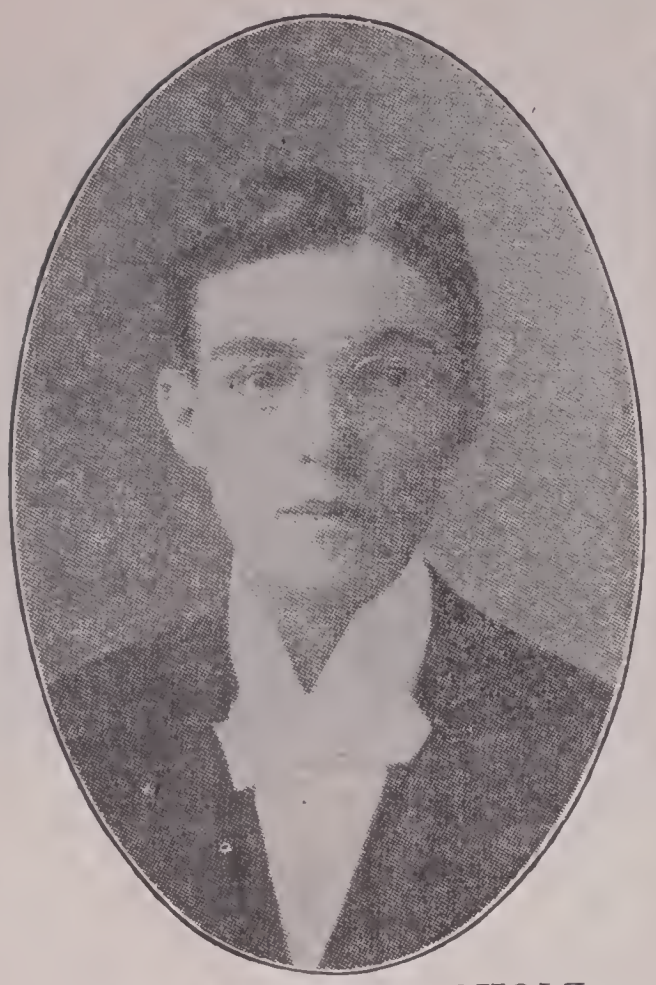

REV. E. J. RUSTERHOLZ
April 1903—July 1904
Died July 24, 1904

REV. GEORGE ZINN
Aug. 1904—June 1905
Now at Galion, O.

REV. GEORGE ULRICH
Sept. 1905—June 1911
Now at Amazonia, Mo.

Pastors Who Served this Charge

(Continued)

REV. PAUL GROSSHUESCH
Sept. 1911—Dec. 1913
Now at St. Paul, Minn.

REV. ATHNIEL STIENECKER
Jan. 1914—Nov. 1917
Now House Father of the Mission House, Academy, College and Seminary

REV. JOHN H. BECK,
Nov. 1917—Nov. 1918
Died Dec. 19, 1921

REV. EMIL BUEHRER,
Dec. 1918 to present time.

THE CONGREGATION WHICH ATTENDED CHURCH MAY 13, 1923

Introduction

The writing of this short history of the "First Reformed Church" of Green Bay, Wisconsin, is undertaken in the interest of the congregation's "Twentieth Anniversary" celebration, June 13th and 17th

This opportunity is taken to review the many struggles, labors and experiences this church passed thru during the last two decades, and to exhibit the providence and grace of God manifest in His church, as also the powerof His Word unto salvation.

To live is to walk into the future; to write and read history is to sojourn in the past. The former we do by faith and hope, the latter by memory and knowledge. Blessed is that memory and knowledge which can reexhibit the past full of life and emotion—make the face to beam with radiance, the heart to feel, the mouth to speak; make circumstances actual, scenes natural and facts true. History, as written, is often noting more than cold facts and full of dates, but the struggles of a small congregation during twenty years is more than that. It is hoped that in this history the reader may, in a measure at least, learn to look behind the veil and see more than mere names, actions and resolutions of the congregation. The arms of the Lord embrace His church. The same Lord who uttered the parable of the mustard seed, teaching thereby the seemingly insignificant beginning of the Kingdom of God as well as also its mighty growth, has demonstrated before our own eyes, that, however small and humble a church begins, where His Word and Spirit dwell there is present a germ of life which will manifest itself in due season.

It is hoped that by this history the present members of the congregation may learn to love their church more than before, and that in them may be born a greater zeal for the growth of the church both spiritually and numerically. All the friends of our church may be assured of our sincerest appreciation of every help given and every favor shown us in the past, and it is hoped that this history and the celebration of our "Twentieth Anniversary" will tend to further our mutual christian fellowship. Particuar mention is here made of the French Presbyterian Church, the donators to and the advertisers in this history.

The reader will find some errors in this work; some are due to lack of information, some to neglect in keeping up the records of the church books, etc. Some of the names may be misspelled. Some names are spelled two or three different ways; here the author has tried to ascertain the correct spelling. For errors that the author is rsponsible the readers is asked to padon the author's falability. For any other errors the author assumes no responsibility.

For whatever good this history may accomplish, give God the glory. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

THE AUTHOR, E. B.

The History of the Church

The beginning of every church has its own peculiar story. Some churches are the outgrowth of revivals, some are the result of expansion, while others are started by families of the same faith, moving into a new locality. The latter is the case of our church.

In the year 1902 the Krieger Saddlery Co. of West Bend, Wis., moved to Green Bay, and in consequence a number of families followed. Now most of these new families, including Mr. F. C. Krieger after whom the above company was named, were Reformed people, and were members of the Reformed Church of West Bend, whose minister at the time was Rev. C. Ruppert. The West Bend church was under the jurisdiction of the Milwaukee Classis, but Green Bay belonged to the territory of the Sheboygan Classis, so a number of the pastors of the Milwaukee Classis called the attention of the Classical Mission Board of the Sheboygan Classis to the Reformed families which had moved to Green Bay. The Classical Mission Board at once took action and sent Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch to confer with the Reformed families of this city. The result of the conference was the immediate arrangement for regular Reformed services for these families. The Mission Board rented the French Presbyterian church (which then stood on Doty St. between Adams and Jefferson Sts.) for every second Sunday afternoon, and twice every month a minister or a student came up to conduct services.

During the summer of 1902 these families worshipped in the French Presbyterian church every second Sunday. It soon became evident that in this way little progress could be hoped for. There were a number of reaons why: in the first place the little flock did not have its own shepherd; then services could be conducted only every two weeks in the afternoon; and further, the French Presbyterian church was not suitably located for our Reformed families. The Classical Mission Board realized the situation, and accordingy began to make provisions to station a missionary at Green Bay. A cali was sent to Rev. C. Ruppert of West Bend, the pastor of the Reformed church were our families had come from. However, Rev. Ruppert did not feel as tho he could leave his charge, and declined the call. The Mission Board then on Apri 1, 1903, sent a call to Rev. E. J. Rusterholz of Manitowoc. Rev. Rusterholz previous to this had served a number of charges, but had to give up preaching for a short season on account of ill-health. In order to regain health he moved to Manitowoc where his wife's folks lived. He accepted the call and began, while still living in Manitowoc, to serve Green Bay every two weeks. Up to this time the families had not been organized into a congregation; tho the women had organized a "Frauenverein" (Ladies' Aid) as early as Oct. 1, 1902. Five women were present at the first meeting and elected Mrs. F. Krieger president and Mrs. J. Reichert secretary. Their rules were simple; they were to meet once a month, pay 25c entrance-fee and 10c monthly dues; their lunches were to be simple and restricted.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONGREGATION.

On Saturday evening, June 13, 1903, the following men met at the home of Mr. F. C. Krieger on 10th St. for the purpose of organizing the Reformed families into a congregation: Rev. E. J. Rusterholz, Messrs. F. C. Krieger, John Reichert, August Draheim, and Frank Kress. The meeting was opened with a devotional service. After much deliberation and meeting late into the night, it was finally voted to organize under the name of "Evangelical Reformed Zion's Church" of Green Bay, Wis. A constitution, previously prepared by Rev. Rusterholz, was presented and accepted with few alterations. All the members present signed the constitution. The following day it was signed also by Messrs. Herman Treviranus and Herman Scheibe. The number of members represented by these families brought the

communicant membership up to thirteen. A subcription list prepared by the pastor was circulated among the members to find out how much they could contribute towards the minister's salary during the following year; the amount subscribed was $59.00.

This act of organization Rev. Rusterholz reported to the Classical Mission Board, and they brought the matter before the Sheboygan Classis at her next annual session held the same month at Kiel, Wis. The Classis confirmed the call of Rev. Ruterholz as Classical missionary, and voted to station him at Green Bay. It was arranged that he should also serve the Peshtigo (now known as the Porterfield) church. His salary was to come from four different sources, but amounted to only $600.00 a year. On the 17th day of July, 1903, he moved to Green Bay and rented a house at 208 N. Webster Ave. From that time on the congregation had preaching services every Sunday with the exception of the last Sunday of each month,which was devoted to Porterfield.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The first year was a very trying one, and great must have been the faith, courage and hope of Rev. E. J. Rusterholz and his little flock. Back of their courage and early struggles, should be remembered the prayers that must have ascended to the throne of grace for the welfare of Zion. However, success was soon to follow. The congregation was aware that it stood before this alternative: either they must give up the work, or build a new church. The former they did not want to do, and the latter they, being so few, could not do. They went to the Sheboygan Classis for help, and the Classis at a special session in Town Herman Sept. 30, 1903, voted to borrow the necessary money, and build a new church in Green Bay, which property was to belong to the Classis till the congregation should be able to buy it. A buiding committee was appointed (Rev. D. W. Vriesen, D. D., Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch, Rev. E. J. Rusterholz, and Elder August Ecke) and this committee at once went to work. They bought the lot where the church property now stands for $900.00. They went to the architect Mr. H. A. Foeller to have a plan drawn for the new church. Mr. Joseph Foeller built the church at a cost of $1697. The church is 42 ft. long and 26 ft. wide, is built very simple but of good taste. The whole cost of the church with pews, pulpit, electric lights, etc. came to $2500.00. The work of the new church was begun after the 22nd of Oct., 1903, and would have been ready for dedication by Christmas had the pews and windows arrived in time. By the middle of January the church was complete and on Jan. 23rd the building committee took over the building from Mr. Foeller. On Jan. 24th, 1904, the church was dedicated. It is recorded in the church annals that the temperature on that day was 24 degrees beow zero. Despite the cold weather both the morning as well as the evening services were well attended. Rev. E. J. Rusterholz dedicated the church, and the speakers of the day were Rev. L. W. Zenk of Manitowoc, Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch of the Mission House, Rev. C. Ruppert of West Bend, and Rev. C. F. Neitzel of the German M. E. church of Green Bay.

THE NEW HOPES OF THE CONGREGATION

How happy the members of the congregation must have been to think that the Lord had heard their prayers and given them a church to worship in. On the first Sunday after the dedication the congregation celebrated the Lord's Supper, and at these services four new members were received into the church. Mrs. Wm. Wintgens joined at that time. Up to May 22nd. thirteen others joined, bringing the membership up to thirty one. (Of these 31 only three are still members—Mr. Frank Kress, Mrs. Wm. Wintgens and Mrs. Bertha Kraft). The work now began to look very hopeful. The Sunday School which had previously been begun, made rapid progress and now much better work could be done because of the new church. Also the Ladies' Aid made some progress.

THE EARLY DEATH OF REV. E. J. RUSTERHOLZ.

For a season the face of the Lord shone upon Zion, but only too soon did it hide itself "behind a frowning providence." It pleased the Lord to call to his reward the faithful and hard laboring shepherd of the little flock on the 24th day of July, 1904. Rev. Rusterholz was afflicted with tuberculosis, and this disease made rapid progress in its last stage. However, his death was hastened by a hemorrage which occured Friday, July 22nd. He died peacefully in the Lord early Sunday morning July 24th. The congregation that longed to worship on this Sabbath was left to mourn its shepherd.

Rev. Rusterholz was born at Bluffton, Ohio. His father was Rev. H. Rusterholz. He received his theological education at the Mission House seminary, where he proved himself a very good student. In 1897 he was ordained. Before he came to Green Bay he served congregations in Clay City, Ind., Orrville, Ohio and Akron, Ohio. He was married to Miss Elsie Esch of Manitowoc. This union was blessed with two children. His labors were brought to a close at the early age of 28 years, 10 months and one day.

THE PASTORATE OF REV. GEORGE ZINN

Soon after the death of Rev. Rusterholz the congregation succeeded in getting a faithful pastor in the person of Lic. George Zinn, who graduated from the Mission House seminary in the spring of 1904. He began his pastorate August 21, 1904. Rev. Zinn at the time was single and boarded at the home of Mr. F. Krieger. He labored hard and was well beloved. His stay, however, was very short. He brought his labors in Green Bay to a close after ten months of service. Nevertheless, in this short time the congregation made rapid progress, which is evident from the fact that during this short period eleven new members were received into the church, and during this period also a building fund was established, and it is recorded that the Ladies' Aid gave the fair sum of $76.14 to start it. The consistory was also enlarged to two Elders and two Deacons. Rev. Zinn left Green Bay the latter part of June, 1905, and since 1914 served Reformed churches at Alliance, Ohio and Norwood, Ohio. At present he is the pastor of our large First Reformed Church at Galion, Ohio, which has a membership of 700 communicant members.

THE SHORT VACANCY SUPPLIED BY REV. F. W. GOETSCH

Immediately after Rev. Zinn left Green Bay the Classical Mission Board sought for a new pastor for this charge, and found Rev. George Ulrich, at that time pastor of a congregation in Ebenezer, N. Y., willing to take up the work. It was, however, impossible for him to move before the following September. In the mean time Rev. F. W. Goetsch was asked to serve Green Bay. Nothing is recorded of his service, since he served only as a supply pastor. Rev. Goetsch is now at Bradford, Ohio.

REV. GEORGE ULRICH BEGINS HIS PASTORATE IN GREEN BAY

On the first day of Sept. 1905 Rev. George Ulrich began his pastorate here in Green Bay. He rented a house at 1187 Willow St. and lived there until the present parsonage was built. He at once went to work with great zeal. The congregation had made worthy progress, but it still had trying times before it. Many of those who had joined the church in the past two years soon moved away. Tho 56 members joined during Rev. Ulrich's pastorate the membership did not increase in proportion, because more than 30 moved away during this time and 5 joined other churches and a few died. This was unfortunate for our church and very discouraging for the pastor. Nevertheless, Rev. Ulrich labored with untiring energy and did what he could for the welfare of this charge. Two large problems were left for him to solve: the language question and the building of a parsonage.

Up to this time all the services were conducted in the German language. Green Bay offered a peculiar situation. The German Re-

formed families were few, and some of these began to move away. Nearly all the other German families were either Catholic, Lutheran or Methodist. Rev. Ulrich recognized the situation and asked the congregation to adjust itself accordingly. The annals of the church show that as early as spring of 1906 a little girl came to the pastor with these remarks: "We kids might come to your Sunday School, if you had an English class." This girl was of Danish parentage. In response thereto an English class was started. The children of this class brought others along and soon it became necessary to give more prominence to the English language in the Sunday School. The situation in our church soon became so different from that of any other church in the Sheboygan Classis. Most of our German churches that became English, did so because the German families neglected their German. This is not the cause why this church had to become English. The membership of the church at this present writing is composed of more than seven different nationalities and only a very few members of the congregation are still able to speak the German without difficulty. From the year 1906 until the end of Rev. Ulrich's pastorate also half of the church services were conducted in the English language.

The congregation had now grown to the extent that the time was at hand to have a parsonage, and accordingly the Sheboygan Classis was petitioned to build one. Classis at a special session Sept. 13, 1906, voted to build a parsonage at Green Bay. A building committee was appointed, composed of Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch, Rev E. G. Krampe, Rev. O. Engelmann, Rev. Geo. Ulrich and Elder Mr. Vickersberg. The contract was given to Nitz & Meister at the cost of $2097. The parsonage all complete cost $2500.00. The money was at first borrowed from the Kiel bank at 6% interest, but later from Mr. H. Goethe at 5%. Dec. 29, 1906, the pastor and his family moved into the new house.

As special work of this period can be mentioned: the incorporation of the congregation in 1906, building of the sidewalk and the platform in front of the church, organization of the Young Peoples' Society, the purchase of 18 Reformed Church Hymnals, baptisms 27, persons confirmed 34, received 22. Special mention must be made of the Sunday School, for during Rev. Ulrich's pastorate the Sunday School began to flourish. He was a great friend of children, and he worked hard to win them for the Sunday School. He himself kept the records and always knew who was there. If any missed he would call on them the following week and asked for the cause of their absence.

For the sake of comparison the income and expenses of the church during the last year of Rev. Ulrich's pastorate are here given.

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Collections	$44.29	Current expenses	$55.92
Dues	161.00	Towards pastor's salary	140.00
Total	$205.29	Total	$195.92

The latter part of June, 1911, Rev. Ulrich brought his services in Zion to a close. He wrote at the time: "May the Lord bless Zion and give her good success." Since he left Green Bay he has served the following congregations: Sherwood, Ore., 1911-1915, Burr Oak, Iowa, 1916-1919, LaCrosse, Wis., 1920. At present he is pastor of the St. Johannes Reformed Church at Amazonia Mo.

REV. PAUL GROSSHUESCH'S PASTORATE

(Sept. 11, 1911 to Dec. 28, 1913).

This charge was vacant from June until September. During this period a number of neighboring pastors of the Sheboygan Classis kindly assisted, and by their help it was possible for this church to have services every second Sunday. In this same year Licentiate Paul Grosshuesch, son of Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch, finished his post-graduate course at the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. A year previous to this he had graduated from the Mission House Seminary of the Reformed church. The Mission Board sent a call to him and he accepted. On the 11th day of September, 1911 he was ordained minister of the Gospel and installed in this charge. The ordination and installation committee was his father, Prof. J. W. Grosshuesch, Rev. Edward Worthmann, his former class-mate, and Elder Klumb of Rev. Worthmann's congregation of Kaukauna, Wis.

The congregation rejoiced to receive this young and gifted shepherd, who, having just come from school, was full of ambition and zeal. His field of labor, however, was not an easy one. There were many difficulties under which he had to labor. The work of the ministry cannot always be told in bright pictures. There is the regular work—the constant preaching of the Gospel, managing the work of the Sunday School, the religious instruction of the youth, the pastoral oversight of the flock, etc. which the reader should keep in mind. What is accomplished by the pastor in this quiet way of working, is often not enough known by the congregation, and difficult for the historian to discover and record. However, the history of a church is not the record alone of the labors of the pastor, but also of the life and labors of its members. In this period, as well as in others, should be remembered the faithfulness and labors of some of the members.

The pastorate of Rev. Grosshuesch was too short for the future welfare of this congregation. It came to a close after a little more than two years of service. During this short period the following progress is here recorded: ten persons were confirmed, eleven others were received into the church, there were 12 baptisms, the parsonage was painted, the Duplex Envelope System was introduced, the Young Peoples' Society began to have evening services every Sunday with a program of the nature of Mission Study Class, the Ladies' Aid began to pay off annually $100.00 on the church property debt, and the Young Peoples' Society and the Sunday School also undertook to pay annually towards liquidating this debt.

On Sept. 21, 1913, at a meeting of the Consistory Rev. Grosshuesch tendered his resignation as pastor of this charge to go into effect Jan. 1, 1914. Here are given some reasons for his resignation, that the readers may know the state of the church at the time.

FIRST—He had received a call from the First Reformed church at Wausau, Wis.

SECONDLY—The wider sphere of labor at Wausau.

THIRDLY—The limited field of labor at Green Bay, making the prospects for the future existence of the congregation very uncertain.

During his pastorate Rev. Grosshuesch learnt to know Miss Oleta Rolewitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rolewitch who has since become his helpmate. They were united in marriage a little more than a year after he left Green Bay. During his stay Rev. Grosshuesch lived in the parsonage, and for one year his brother Clavin stayed with him.

The financial status of the chuch during the last year of Rev. Grosshuesch's pastorate was as follows:

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Collection	$ 51.93	Current Expenses	$ 62.69
Dues	169.00	Towards pastor's salary	160.00
Total	$220.93	Total	$222.69

Rev. Grosshuesch preached his last sermon here on Dec. 20, and his public services came to a close with the annual meeting of the congregation held Dec. 28, 1913. His next charge was Wausau, but his stay was very short—(1914-1915). At present he is pastor of the "Friedens Reformed Church" of St. Paul, Minn.

PASTORATE OF REV. ATHNIEL STIENECKER

Jan. 1914 to Nov. 1917

Before the consistory accepted the resignation of the former pastor, they prevailed upon him to help obtain an immediate successor. Rev. Athniel Stienecker who at the time was pastor of the Reformed church at Loveland, Colorado was invited to come, and he accepted the invitation. He took up his work the first part of January, 1914. That his call was not to a field of labor full of roses and flowers of glorious hues and sweet fragrance, can be judged from the reasons the former pastor gave for resigning. The patience of Job is essential for a successful ministry. This state of things was not due to the fact that there were no families in the congregation who were zealous for the welfare of the church: on the contrary the new pastor found such families that like Aaron and Hur were willing to stay his hands that he might prevail. Besides the small percentage of protestantism in this city, the peculiar relationship existing between this charge and the Mission Board and Classis added greatly to the difficulty of the work here.

Rev. Stienecker began his pastorate with courage, and in all his work he was always conscientious. Especially with the young people did he and his wife find more favor. While the church did not grow very much numerically, it did tho in other respects. Previous to this time the total benevolences of the congregation amounted to only $480.00, but during his pastorate it amounted to $340.00. In the way of church finance the congregation made progress. The pastor's salary was raised $100.00, and in the year 1916 the congregation voted to pay off $600.00 on the church debt. On Nov. 2, 1916, an attempt was made by the Sheboygan Classis to induce this congregation to take over the church property at its offer of $5350.00. The result of this conference was, that the congregation voted without signing any papers or making any specific arrangements as to payments, to pay the Board of Church Erection Fund as much as it can, whenever funds are available, towards the total amount of $5350.00 without interest, after the payment of which, the deed of the church property be transferred to this congregation.

Here may be mentioned as special work of this period; the organization of the Women's Missionary Society (see article on this society), the enlarging of the Consistory to three Elders and three Deacons, changing the Young People's Society to a Christian Endeavor Society, the introduction of the Every Member Canvas, confirmation 12, receptions 2, and baptisms 22.

The financial standing during the last year of Rev. Stienecker's pastorate was as follows:

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Dues	$402.85	Towards Pastor's Salary	$310.00
Collection	69.72	Current Expenses	105.78
Total	$472.57	Total	$415.78

At the close of Rev. Stienecker's pastorate the seeming prophetic remarks of the former pastor in his resignation almost came to be a fact. A number of times some of the families of the congregation were approached with the question whether or not it might be advisable to dissolve as a congregation, and that a part of the members join the East Side Moravian church and the rest the Presbyterian church. The question, however, did not find favor with the members, for most of them said, that as long as it would be possible to keep up our church, they would remain true to it.

On the 28th day of September, 1917, Rev. Stienecker resigned to follow a call he had received from the St. John's Reformed church at Archbold, Ohio. He left during the next month. Since Rev. Stienecker left he served the Archbold charge, and is now Housefather at our Mission House academy, college and seminary.

THE TEMPORARY SUPPLY OF REV. JOHN BECK

Nov. 1917 to Nov. 1918

After the Mission Board received the resignation of Rev. Stienecker it immediately began to make provisions for this charge. Tho it was unable to find a pastor for the place, it found in Rev. John Beck, who had retired from the active ministry, a worthy shepherd to take over this field as a supply pastor. He was able to take up the work immediately after Rev. Stienecker left. By his fervent preaching, as an old ambassador of the Lord, and by his fatherly care of the lambs and the sheep, the dark cloud, which had gatered over this church began to scatter. The providence of the Lord placed him here to feed a small flock and comfort a people in the time of war, and he found a place in the hearts of all the people both young and old. Considering the short time he was here, his labors were not without much fruit. During this one year of service eleven members were received into the church. He left at the time when the 'flu' was doing its ravaging work here as wlll as elsewhere.

While Rev. Beck served here he lived in the parsonage all by himself. That it must have been lonesome for him at the advanced age of 72 years to be all alone seems evident. Shortly before he left he received a letter from his daughter in Colorado in which she urged him to come and live with her, lest something might befall him in his old age so far away from his own people. The Lord opened the way that he could go. He left for Loveland, Colorado, during the month of November 1918. From that time until his death he lived with his daughter. The Lord called him to his reward rather suddenly Dec. 19, 1921. His life came to a close after 48 long years of service in the church. One week before his death he preached his last sermon on Christ's great commission Matt. 28:19. He had a great zeal for the Kingdom of God among the heathen, and when the Lord called two of his sons to become missionaries in China his heart and prayers went with them.

THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCH AT THE END OF 1918.

From the history thus far it will be impossible for the reader to form a clear picture of the actual conditions in the congregation at the end of the above pastorates. The progress and the increases during the various periods are recorded, but because of the lack of information in the church records, it was impossible to state at the end of any particular period the actual status of the congregation at the time. Now at this time the reader might be anxious to know how things stood at the close of the year 1918, just before the present pastorate began.

Tho up to this time 155 persons had joined the church, only 70 names were still left on the membership list, and 5 of these had to be canceled because these persons had drifted away from the church. The Sunday Shool had between 40 and 50 names on its roll. The C. E. Soiety, however, was well established with about 25 members.

The congregation while it had a church to worship in, and a house for the pastor, did not own any property. Tho it had some very active members who labored to the best of their knowledge and ability, little hopes for the future welfare was entertained by many outside of the church. The Lord will remember such whose faith did not waver and whose hands did not sink into their laps with discouragement. The only person the author met at this time, who had a word of hope for Green Bay, was Josias Friedli, then general secretary of the Home Mission Board. Tis word was spoken, the reader may be assured, in all sincerity, and not as flattery to induce the present pastor to go to Green Bay. Tho the congregation enjoyed a temporal revival with the ministry of Rev. Beck, it was, as yet, not evident whether the revival was not such as patients suffering from a long and fatal sickness often experience shortly before their death, or whether the church had now passed the crisis safely.

A word might be said about Porterfield. The situation there was worse than at Green Bay. Only 8 families held together and worshipped once a month either in one of the homes or in the old church, the log-cabin, a picture of which will be found in this history.

THE PRESENT PASTORATE OF REV. E. BUEHRER

(Dec. 1918 to Present Time)

"God Moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform."—Cowper.

Not only did the congregation pass thru a dark period, but also its present pastor had to be led over unknown roads of disappointments before the present work in this church could be accomplished. In the early part of 1918 he was elected missionary to Japan. In June of the same year he left his promising field of labor at Oshkosh. All arrangements had been made to leave for Japan in August, but one week before that time the government refused a pass-port. His relationship with the Board of Foreign Missions had to be dissolved and he was left to look about for a charge. History repeats itself. The Lord humbles his servants to the extent that they learn to sing: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." A small flock that had passed thru many trials and a humbled pastor was the Lord's new combination.

During the time of Rev. Beck's supply the Board of Home Missions sought for a pastor for this charge. At the meeting of Central Synod held at Sandusky, Ohio, Rev. Jos. Friedli, general secretary of the Board, met Rev. E. Buehrer and asked him to go to Green Bay to look the field over, and if he found it favorable, he should go there to take up the work. On armistice day he left for Green Bay. On his way he contracted the 'flu', and upon his arrival was ordered to the hospital by the doctor. The Sunday on which he hoped to preach his trial sermon was spent in the hospital. However, by the next Sunday he had recovered sufficiently to enable him to preach a very short sermon. He was received very kindly by the members of the congregation, and he promised them to come back to be their pastor. About the middle of December he returned with his family to take up the work as regular pastor of this charge.

The writer of this history would now prefer to lay down his pen, that another might write the life of this congregation during his pastorate. Since this, however, is impossible, he begs the reader that, if he sees any progress during this period, he should give none other than God the glory. It remains true what the apostle Paul has said: "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase". I Cor. 3:7. This present pastorate was but an earnest endeavor to preach, teach and obey the oracles of God, with a simple but firm trust in the prophecy which God gave us by the mouth of Isaiah: "My word—that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accom-

pish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

The new pastor was soon aware that great projects were awaiting solution. His policy, however, has always been—one thing at a time, and that pursued thoroughly. What needed his first attention besides the regular work of the ministry, was the reorganization of the congregation at Porterfield. This was done during the first months of the year 1919. After this work had been completed, prospects began to look favorable for the building of a new church at Porterfield. As early as the month of May of this same year the people and the pastor took opportunity by her forelocks and began to make plans for the building. Tho there were only eight families, this work was immediately undertaken. The work on the building was started during summer and had not the cold weather set in unusually early, the church woud have been ready for dedication by Christmas. The church in the main is 32x44 ft. The plan was drawn by the pastor and the trustee supervised the work. It cost $7000.00, and $2000.00 of this amount was paid off the first year. At the time of this writing there is left a debt of about $3500.00. (A picture of the church appears in this history.)

During this same year the church in Green Bay was redecorated. Also some improvements were made in the church, and in the parsonage the electric lights were installed. All this was done at the low cost of about $235.00. Here is further mentioned as special work of this same year; the purchase of a Starr piano by the Christian Endeavor Society, the introduction of a three year's course of catechatical instrution for the catechumens, according to which children are to start at the age of eleven. During this same year also the name of the congregation was changed from "Evangelical Reformed Zion's Church" to "The First Reformed Church" of Green Bay.

Already in the year of 1919 steps were taken to purchase the church property. At the Classical session of 1919 an effort was made to obtain a definite offer from the Classis. It was there voted to offer this property for the sum of $4800.00 with the understanding that the

PICTURE OF THE CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

Board of Church Ereciton Fund transfer over to this church the loan of the above amount which it had made to Classis,said loan to be without interest. This matter was taken up at the next annual meeting of the congregation, and finally voted on April 18, 1920. The property was then legally transferred, and the congregation immediately made its first payment of $500.00, leaving a debt of $4300.00. A long cherished hope of both the Classis and the congregation was now fulfilled, and the purchase of the property marks a new era in the history of this church.

The next step to be taken was to prepare a new constitution. This work was done by the consistory. The congregation accepted it May 10, 1920. At this same meeting of the congregation also the articles of incorporation under the new name were accepted. These articles were then filed Dec. 7, 1920.

The year of 1921 and a part of 1922 may appear to have been rather quiet, but they mark a period of great importance. The laying of a good foundation is generally attended with iittle outward show. To observe the work of this season, the reader must pause and search. What will he find? A struggle after a certain ecclesiastical goal. While this goal was not reached with one bound, it has since been carried out. To avoid unnecessary expenses and offices in the church and to prevent the destruction of the individuality of the ministry, the church has taken this position—it recognizes, that the institutions of our denomination are the property of the sum of the individual churches, and that each individual church should acknowledge its obligations according to its organic relation, and perform proportionally such obligation thru the proper channels of our church organization. The idea of congregation must retain its prominence; the organizations in it are only specific activities of the congregation.

The result of this has been—a. the church has since paid its full quota set by Classis, each institution receiving its proportional amount; b. a central missionary treasury has been established thru which all benevolences flow; c. the Women's Missionary Society has taken over our Foreign Mission quota, and the C. E. Society our quota for Ministerial Relief, Indian Mission, and Education, and the Sunday Schooi our quota for the Orphans' Home.

During the year of 1922 a number of improvements were made on the church property. Some repairs were made on both buildings. The church and the parsonage were painted, and all the rooms in the parsonage with the exception of one were decorated. The total expenses amounted to more than $450.00.

To complete the record of the present pastorate mention is here made that during this period 14 children were baptized and 14 were confirmed; 26 adults were received into the church by letter and confession. All that were confirmed and received are still members.

Here is given a review of the financial standing of the congregation at its present age.

BENEVOLENCES

Home Mission	$64.00—	
Foreign Mission	64.00—	$56.00 of this was paid by the W. M. Society
Mission House	64.00	
Orphans' Home	28.00—	This was paid by the S. School.
Ministerial Relief	8.00—	This was paid by the C. E. Society
Education	8.00—	This was paid by the C. E. Society
Indian Mission	16.00—	This was paid by the C. E. Society
Home of the Aged	8.00—	
Total	$260.00	

—Receipts and Disbursements of the Church.

On Hand	$202.25	General Expenses	$171.71
Collections Collections	83.28	Pastor's Salary	450.00
Subscriptions	805.01	Painting and Repair	459.17
Total	$1090.54	Total	$1080.88

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

	On Hand Jan. 1, 1922	Receipts During 1922	Total of What on Hand and Receipts	Disbursements During 1922	Left on Hand Jan. 1, 1923
Church	$202.25	$888.29	$1090.54	$893.71	$196.83
Church-Mission		144.00	144.00	144.00	
Sunday School	39.74	112.10	151.84	100.32	51.52
S. S. Fund	11.44	98.32	109.76	5.00	104,76
Women's M. S.	70.27	60.75	131.02	56.00	75,02
Ladies' Aid	247.79	142.28	390.07	132.03	258.04
C. E. Society	15.02	20 30	35.32	17.00	18,32
C. E. Mission Fund	7.54	40.40	47.94	32,00	15,94
Totals	$594.05	$1506.44	$2100.49	$1361.06	720.43

One of the last actions of the Congregation

One of the last important steps that the congregation took before it brought its two score years to a close, was to consider the possibility of becoming a separate charge. Thus far Green Bay and Porterfield were served by one pastor. Now, however, both congregations have grown to the extent that each one should have its own resident pastor. On June 3, 1923, the congregation met in special session and took the following action.—Be it resolved that we petition the Sheboygan Classis as follows:

Green Bay, Wis., June 3, 1923

To the Honorable Sheboygan Classis:—

Since the work of this charge (Green Bay-Porterfield) has grown to the extent that both congregations now feel that the time is at hand for both to become seperate charges, we therefore, the First Reformed Church of Green Bay, do herewith petition the Honorable Sheboygan Classis to take immediately such steps as are necessary to declare this congregation a separate charge.

We petition further: That Classis recommend that the Honorable Board of Home Missions assist this congregation, when it becomes a separate charge, to the extent of $550.00 a year; and until adjustments can be made both here and at Porterfield that the present support of Green Bay-Porterfield be continued, which support is $550.00 a year.

Respectfully, the First Reformed Church of Green Bay, Wis.

The possibility of becoming a separate charge depends upon 5 things:

a. what action the Classis will take,
b. whether Porterfield can be taken care of,
c. whether the Board of Home Missions will pay $550.00 towards the pastor's salary in Green Bay.
d. whether the Board of Church Erection Fund will loan Porterfield $3500.00 to build a parsonage.
e. whether the Board of Home Missions will pay $700.00 towards the pastor's salary at Porterfield.

If these conditions can be met, then this congregation will be a separate charge in the near future. Our trust is in God—may we not wait on Him to provide in His own appointed time!

For the growth of the church unto its present stature, all honor belongs to God. However hard the pastors and the members may have labored and struggled, the increase, tho, came by the Lord. Only they that sow in faith can await fruit, and "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Ps. 127:1. The historian can not lay down his pen without telling the reader, that

there are many names in the annals of the congregation that are worthy of tribute and mention in this history; persons who served as Elder, as Deacon or filing some other office in the church, Sunday School, or some society; persons whose hope was in God, whose prayers did not cease, whose hands were not idle and who continued faithfully, tho the income in most cases was small, to contribute the to the welfare of the church. While their names do not appear on these pages, we trust that they are "Written in the Lamb's book of life", and that their prayers and alms have come before God. Lest readermight think too well of this church, he is reminded that this church is not of 'wheat' only, but that it has also its 'tares', for which may the Lord have mercy upon us. Our spiritual iife is in its infancy, and we are still in need of milk, for we "Have need that one teach us again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." However, we long "To come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head , even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edfying of itself in love." Eph. 4:13-16.

Here the history is brought to a close by giving a statement as to what position the First Reformed Church takes regarding the Christian religion. We adhere to the Bible in its entirety as God's revelation to man. We hold fast to the whole body of doctrines as contained in Sacred Writ, briefly stated in our undoubted articles of christian faith—the Apostles' Creed, according to which there is but one way of salvation—the way of the cross. We hold aloof from the idea that God should in any way compromise with the world. We believe in the power of the Gospel, as being "an engrafted word able to save our souls", and that "it shall not return void, but it shall accomplish that which the Lord please". For this reason we lay great stress on the religious instruction of the youth, and the expounding of the Scriptures at all our services.

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PRESENT OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. W. E. Bodart, Superintendent; Miss Florence Hansen, Secretary; Miss Charlotte Mahnke, Treasurer; Miss Gertrude Goethe, Pianist.

PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASS I

Gertrude Goethe—teacher
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Kenneth Moyer
Billie Hansen
Dorthy Lefevre
Louis Petri
Ruth Reinhard
John Buehrer
Fremond Petri
Anna Johnson
Gladys Frisque

CLASS II

Martha Goethe—teacher
Carlton Lefevre
Verna Larsen
Olive Gaecke
Earl VanderLin
Loyd Lytie
Francis Zell
Robert Hansen
Ruth Staniske
Joyce Kress

CLASS III

Charlotte Mahnke—teacher
Esther Wintgens
Leslie Dietrich
Margaret Petri
Dorthy Hansen
Inez Braun
Herbert Staniske
Evelyn Kress
Leola Schumacher

CLASS IV

Laura Rolewitch—teacher
Roy Schumacher
Edwin Lytie
Morris Lytie
Clarence Staniske
Ralph Frisque
Florentine Frisque
Elmer Dost
Kenneth Schroeder

CLASS V

Mabel Gustavson—teacher
Velma Pierce
Florence Hansen
Esther Kihlberg
Marion Pazourek
Florence Gustavson
Margaret Gougard
Karen Carlson
Grata Carlson
Henrietta Wintgens

CLASS VI

Mr. W. E. Bodart—teacher
Florence Hintz
Albin Demain
Theadore Dost
Ella Frisque
Oliver Lytie
Ethelyn Remich
Mrs. W. E. Bodart
Roy Hansen

CLASS VII. Rev. E. Buehrer, teacher; Mrs. Hans C. Hanson, Ass. teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vincent, Mrs. Wm. Braun, Mr. and Mrs, Walter Goethe, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Pazourek, Mrs. Martha Goethe, Mr. and Mrs. Osar Staniske, Mr. and Mrs. John Otto, Mr. and Mrs. Chas, Mahnke, Mrs. Geo, Frisque, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dost, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schroeder, Mrs. E. Buehrer, Mrs. Anton Remich. The Sunday School has also a Cradle-Roll of nine members. Mrs. Robert Dost is Cradle-Roll Superintendent.

SHORT HISTORY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The history of the Sunday School dates back as far as the history of the church. Our forefathers recognized that the welfare of the congregation depends in a great measure upon the religious instruction of the youth. Ever since the church was built, the Sunday School has kept up its work regularly every Sunday. Up to the year 1906 the German language was employed. Rev. Ulrich introduced the English language during that year, and since then it has become necessary to employ it altogether. Under Rev. Ulrich the S. S. made considerable progress. Every pastor since labored hard to improve the work. At present the S. S. enjoys the privilege of having a well qualified and diligent Superintendent and a good force of teachers, who are always at their post every Sunday. During the past year special efforts were put forth to increase the membership, and by this effort the membership was brought up to 82 members. The S. S. is still weak in one respect, and that is, the irregular attendance on the part of some of the members, but it is hoped that also this will be remedied in the near future. The work, however, is handicapped by the lack of room for the classes. As special work of the S. S. may be mentioned that some years ago it started a fund to help liquidate the church debt. Thus far this fund has paid $500. At present besides paying $100 a year on the debt thru this fund, the S. S. has taken over the congregation's quota for the Orphan' Home.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Members of the Society

Back Row: Mrs. F. Rolewitch, Mrs. Martha Goethe, Mrs. Joseph Pazourek, Mrs. Edward Schroeder, Mrs. Gus Lefevre, Mrs. E. Buehrer, Mrs. John Otto.

Front Row: Mrs. James Nichol, Mrs. Hans C. Hansen, treasurer, Mrs. Robert Dost, Vice-President, Mr. Otto Hintz, President, Mrs. Wm. Braun, Secretary, Mrs. Frank Kress.

The Ladies' Aid as an organization is older than the congregation. It was organized Oct. 1, 1902. Five women were present at the time and Mrs. F. Krieger was its first president. This society has had a continuous existence thruout all the years of the history of the church. The organization in its character has remained practically the same during its whole history. It met once a month mostly for business and social purpose. It has in all these years given the church much assistance, epecially in a financial way. From 1914 to 1918 its receipts were $450.00; during the years since then they were $800.00. In the past four years the Ladies' Aid paid $200 on the church debt, $210 for painting, repairing and redecorating the church, $283. for the new pavement on Pine St., $80 for fixing up the parsonage, and $127 for janitor and other expenses. There was a time in the history of the society when it resorted to sales and suppers, etc., to raise money, but at present it is fulfilling its mission without them.

The Ladies' Aid still meets once a month. The meetings are opened with a devotional service, consisting of Scripture-reading, songs and prayer. Usually also a religious article is read by some one. The rest of the meeting is devoted to business and a social hour.

Thruout the records of the Ladies' Aid appear repeatedly some names of faithful women, who followed after the Lord, administering unto the needs of the saints. Unto them is due a tribute for the strong perseverance of the church during its dark hours. Happy is the church that has its faithful Marys, Marthas and Magdalenes.

MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, APRIL, 1923

The Women's Missionary Society was started by Rev. A. Stienecker at the home of Mrs. Hans Hansen March 23, 1918, at which meeting 38 ladies were present. The purpose of the society was to promote missionary knowledge and to participate in a greater measure in the actual missionary work of our denomination. The first officers were: Pres.—Mrs. Robert Dost, Sec.—Mrs. A. Stienecker, Treas.—Mrs. Hans Hansen. The society meets every month and at each meeting a definite missionary program is rendered and a missionary offering taken. During the history of the society only slight changes in the nature of the programs were made. November 20, 1919, the society was properly organized with 18 members joining. At the March meeting in 1923 the rule regarding membership was changed to the effect, that every woman in the congregation be considered a member of the society, and such others who desire to become members, tho they be no members of the church, may become such by the vote of the society. A special committee is annually appointed to arrange the programs, and every member of the society is asked to take part on some program during each year. For each meeting the committee names one leader and two readers. The present officrs are: Pres.—Mrs. E. Buehrer, Vice-pres.—Mrs. Wm. Braun, Sec.—Mrs. Hans Hansen, and Treas.—Mrs. Charles Mahnke.

During Rev. A. Stienecker and Rev. J. Beck's pastorate $91.00 were taken in, and $55.00 were contributed to missions. During the present pastorate $253.00 were taken in, of which amount $10.00 were given to Indian Missions, $30.00 to Home Missions, and $200.00 to Foreign Missions. The total income was $344.00 and the total amount given to missions is $295.00. At present there are still $40.00 in the treasury. As a future goal the society has taken over the congregation's full quota for Foreign Missions.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Laura Rolewitch, President; Roy Hansen, Vice-Pres.; Marion Pazourek, Secretary; Martha Goethe, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY

Prayer Meeting, Missionary, Lookout, Music, Flower and Entertainment.

Present Members of the C. E. Society

Rev. E. Buehrer, Mrs. E. Buehrer, W. E. Bodart, Mrs, W, E, Bodart, Elmer Dost, Theadore Dost, Ella Frisque, Florentine Frisque, Gertrude Goethe, Herbert Goethe, Mrs. Herbert Goethe, Martha Goethe, Walter Goethe, Mrs. W. Goethe, Mabel Gustavson, Florence Hansen, Harold Hansen, Roy Hansen, Edwin Lytie, Morris Lytie, Oliver Lytie, Charlotte Mahnke, Gladys Pazourek, Marion Pazourek, Ethelyn Remich, Walter Remich, Laura Rolewitch, Roy Schumacher, Frank Vincent, Mrs. F. Vincent.

In the year 1909 Rev. Geo. Ulrich organized a Young Peoples' Society to which all confirmed young folks should belong. This society met once a month at the homes of its members. These meetings were opened with a short service and followed by the business and a social hour. During Rev. P. Grosshuesch's pastorate the society began to meet also every Sunday evening with a program of the nature of Mission Study Class. During Rev. A. Stienecker's pastorate this society was reorganized into a Christian Endeavor Society, adopting the regular C. E. programs. Since that time the C. E. has been a flourishing and active society. Besides promulgating religious knowledge and furthering christian fellowship, the society has been active in missionary work and in helping the congregation in its needs. Before the church property was bought the society helped in working up the church fund, and since it has purchased a Starr piano. Since two years ago the society has been taking over the congregation's quota for Ministerial Relief, Indian Missions, and Education.

THE CHOIR

Members of the Choir

Back Row: Roy Hansen (T), Frank Vincent (B), Oliver Lytie (B), Rev. E. Buehrer, leader and accompanist.

Middle Row: Gertrude Goethe (S), Ethelyn Remich (S), Laura Rolewitch (S) Mabel Gustavson (S), Mrs. Max Gounard (A), Mrs. E. Buehrer (S).

Front Row: W. E. Bodart (T), Florence Hansen (S), Theo Dost (T), Marion Pazourek (S), Charlotte Mahnke (A).

Not Present When Picture Was Taken: Mrs. Russell Moyer (A), Karen Carlson (A), Grata Carlson (S).

It would be very difficult to give a history of the choir, because it never was a permanent organization in the congregation. During the greater part of the history of the church, however, some of the young people (and at times also assisted by older members), either as a choir or by rendering solos, duets, etc. took part in the public services of the church. Special credit, tho, is due to some of the young ladies who met regularly to prepare special music for every Sunday.

During this last pastorate the congregation has had a permanent mixed choir averaging about twelve voices. The present choir has made considerable progress in classic anthem music. It enjoys having now about 50 classic anthems in its repertoire; in all it has some 70 anthems besides Kessel's volume "Songs of Zion" in its possession; 30 of these it collected into a volume and had it bound, the rest may be collected this summer. We mention some of the choir's favorites: "Glorious is Thy Name" (12th Mass)—Mozart, "Hallelujah" and "Oh, Tryumph all ye Ransomed" (Engedi)-Beethoven, "Hallelujah" (Messiah)—Haendel, "Holy Art Thou" (Largo-Xerxes)—Haendel, "Sanctus" (St. Secilia) and "O Divine Redeemer"—Gounod, "The Lost Sheep" and "Oh for a closer Walk with God"—Foster, "Come unto Me" and "Who is He that Cometh from Edom?"—Tebbs, "Lord, when my Raptured Thought," and "Hark, hark my Soul"—Beethoven, "Lead, kindly Light"—VanLaer, "Christ, our Passover"—by Haydn and also by Vogrich, etc. The congregation pays $15 annually for the purchase of anthem music.

The aims of the choir: Not to entertain the congregation, but to lead it in one of the highest forms of religious worship—to sing unto te Lord. The anthems used must have either a Biblical or a purely sacred text. The music to which the words are wedded must be of a highly religious character.

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Total Communicant Membership is now 95.

Confirmation Classes in the Past 20 Years

May 22, 1904

1 Johann Morris Krieger

April 16, 1905

2 Arthur W. Giersbach
3 Mathilde M. B. Kraft

April 8, 1906

4 Friedrich Salas Krieger
5 Oleta Sophia Rolewitch
6 Hedwig Marie Clara Mahnke
7 Irene Amelia Scheibe
8 Alma Johanna Marie Kraft

March 24, 1907

9 Julius Wilhelm Wintgens
10 Chester Eugene Hansen
11 Ella M. Magdalene Mahnke
12 Ella Thompson

Dec. 22, 1907

13 Clarence Grover Hansen
14 Edward Eddie Clansen

April 12, 1908

15 Lena Alma Stern
16 Selma Alwine Friederike Kraft

June 7, 1908

17 Anton John Hamachek
18 Lydia E. Barbara Hamachek

April 4, 1909

19 Benjamin Herber W. Thompson
20 Arthur Emil Hansen
21 Harry Carl Giersbach
22 Lina Wintgens
23 Elsie Viola Rolewitch
24 Anna Amalia Anderson
25 Henrietta Jensene Hansen
26 Victorine Josephine J. Bodart

March 20, 1910

27 Emil Julius Kraft
28 Holdine Johanne Caroline Quadi
29 Gertrude Cora Amalia Goethe

April 9, 1911

30 Walter Louis Goethe
31 Wilhelm Martin Kraft
32 August Elmer Bodart
33 Gustav Heinrich Wintgens
34 Roy Sofies Hansen
35 Lily Elenor Kaye
36 Edna Louise Hintz
37 Laura Henrietta Rolewitch

March 31, 1912

38 Gladys Irene Zinser
39 Ida Margaretha Wintgens

March 16, 1913

40 Rose Marie Hansen
41 Edwin Louis Petri
42 Raymond Norman Kaye
43 Harold Karl Hintz
44 Edward Leslie Kraneske
45 Walter Louis Anton Remich

Dec. 20, 1913

46 Mrs. Wm. Wintgens, Jr.
47 John Gaecke

May 23, 1915

48 Narcisse Dost
49 Herbert Goethe
50 Myron Hintz
51 Alden Huybrecht
52 Arthur Priewe

April 16, 1916

53 Harold E. Hansen
54 George F. L. Kress
55 Earnest Wintgens
56 Gladys M. Pazourek
57 Elinore L. Fahl

April 1, 1917

58 Martha L. Goethe
59 Charlotte L. Mahnke

March 31, 1918

60 Theadore Dost
61 Melvin Kress
62 Ervin Dietrich
63 Erdine Dietrich
64 Florence Hintz
65 Lillian Demain
66 Lucille Stern

June 8, 1919

67 Albin Demain
68 Ella Frisque

May 15, 1921

69 Elenora Maria Dietrich
70 Marion Magdalene Pazourek
71 Florence Lydia Hansen
72 Grata Linnea Carlson
73 Karen Elvira Carlson
74 Henrietta Maria Anna Wintgens

April 1, 1923

75 Edwin Gilbert Lytie
76 Morris Bennet Lytie
77 Florentine Frisque
78 Kenneth Hieronymus Schroeder
79 Roy Ludwig Schumacher
80 Elmer August Mark Dost

Baptisms During the Past 20 Years

No.		Born	Baptized
1	George Friederich Louis Kress	Sep. 15, 1903	Oct. 4, 1903
2	Clara Elisabeth Rusterholz	Apr. 18, 1904	Jun. 24, 1904
3	Mildred Hazel Lorine Kaye	Sep. 4, 1904	Sep. 25, 1904
4	Melvin August Echard Kress	Jan. 8, 1905	Feb. 12, 1905
5	Wilhelm Hermann Giersbach	Jan. 6, 1905	Feb. 19, 1905
6	Laura Mildred Jungbut	May 11, 1905	June 18, 1905
7	Mildred Anna Maria Zwiener	May 27, 1905	July 2, 1905
8	Karl Alfred Johannes Priewe	Aug. 27, 1905	Oct. 8, 1905
9	Florence Lydia Hansen	May 19, 1906	June 7, 1906
10	Melvin Erich Giersbach	Oct. 20, 1906	Nov. 4, 1906
11	Rubin James Wirth	Nov. 5, 1905	Feb. 22, 1908
12	Henrietta Maria Anna Wintgens	March 30, 1908	May 24, 1908
13	Hertha C. M. Priewe	July 1, 1908	Aug. 23, 1908
14	Roland Howard Jensen	Nov. 8, 1908	Nov. 30, 1908
15	Elmer August Mark Dost	Nov. 8, 1908	Dec. 13, 1908
16	Benjamin H. W. Thompson	Jan. 27, 1905	Jan. 1, 1909
17	Richard Norman Thompson	Sep. 3, 1907	Jan. 1, 1909
18	Edrie Caroline W. Moers	Apr. 11, 1907	Jan. 9, 1909
19	Caroline Anna Hamachek	Jan. 28, 1909	Jan. 28, 1909
20	Frank A. Hamachek	Nov. 21, 1881	April 11, 1909
21	Arline Dorthy Kaye	April 10, 1909	April 28, 1909
22	Gladys Evelyn Pangier	Feb. 5, 1910	Feb. 22, 1910
23	Gladys Marie Pazourek	Mar. 18, 1903	Mar. 20, 1910
24	Marion Madeline Pazourek	Oct. 6, 1906	Mar. 20, 1910
25	Lester George Eisenmann	Nov. 13, 1909	Nov. 1, 1910
26	Walter Howard Paul Ulrich	Jun. 20, 1910	July 10, 1910
27	Bernice Evelyn Kaye	June 11, 1911	June 24, 1911
28	Hilbert H. W. Eisenmann	Dec. 10, 1910	June 25, 1911
29	Lucile Marie Stern	Aug. 10, 1904	June 25, 1911
30	Karl Stenzel	Aug. 21, 1911	Sep. 10, 1911
31	Robert David Jerome Baldwin	Nov. 7, 1911	Feb. 7, 1912
32	Inez Henrietta Marie Braun	Sep. 5, 1911	Mar. 10, 1912
33	Martin M. Heinrich Schinche	Mar. 25,1912	May 5, 1912
34	Joseph Arthur Liska	April 23, 1912	May 13, 1912
35	Hazel Mildred Jensen	Jan. 29, 1912	June 13, 1912
36	Harold Clarence Eisenmann	March 15, 1912	Dec. 8, 1912
37	Ruthie Victoria Demain	Oct. 10, 1912	Dec. 29, 1912
38	Erna Lillian Thompson	Sep. 2, 1912	Jan. 1, 1913
39	Margaretta Emilia Petri	Dec. 7, 1912	April ,6 1913
40	Evelyn May Kress	May 24, 1913	June 22, 1913
41	Beulah Jani Gaecke	Aug. 29, 1913	Sep. 21, 1913
42	Esther M. E. Eisenmann	Nov. 11, 1913	Mar. 22, 1914
43	Frank Edward Kress	June 27, 1914	July 19, 1914
44	Clifford Clarence Hansen	May 24, 1914	Sep. 28, 1914
45	Emma Stenzel	Aug. 16, 1914	Oct. 4, 1914
46	Robert Walter Frisque	Aug. 18, 1914	Nov. 18, 1914
47	Ernst Walter Stienecker	Dec. 31, 1914	Jan. 8, 1915
48	Louis Ruben Petri	Nov. 9, 1914	Jan. 19, 1915
49	Olive Marjorie Gaecke	Jan. 12, 1915	Feb. 14, 1915
50	Erich Wilhelm Walter Priewe	Feb. 21, 1915	April 4, 1915
51	Otto Daniel Harry Weisgerber	Sep. 8, 1913	Aug. 29, 1915
52	Arthur Peter A. Weisgerber	July 18, 1915	Aug. 29, 1915
53	Florence Lillian Anna Popp	June 17, 1915	Aug. 29, 1915
54	Joice Anna Kress	Aug. 21, 1915	Sep. 19, 1915
55	Romelda Fern Christensen	July 31, 1915	Nov. 14, 1915
56	Willard Felix Demain	July 20, 1915	Dec. 12, 1915
57	Evelyn May Wintgens	Nov. 9, 1915	Dec. 12, 1915
58	Glyn Perry Sweet	Jan. 6, 1916	Mar. 25, 1916
59	Lucile Anna Schmidt	April 17, 1916	May 10, 1916
60	Freeman Fred Petri	Sep. 27, 1916	Sep. 29, 1916

BAPTISMS DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS

No.		Born	Baptized
61	Romelda Dorthea Kress	Mar. 22, 1917	May 20, 1917
62	Adelphine Minnie Demain	Feb. 19, 1917	July 22, 1917
63	Clarence Lcuis Weisgerber	June 25, 1917	Aug. 16, 1917
64	Kenneth Russel Moyer	Dec. 20, 1917	Jan. 6, 1918
65	Earl Eugene Sweet	Jan. 15, 1918	April 14, 1918
66	Ruben Edwin Petri	March 4, 1919	March 6, 1919
67	Carl Adam Younkel	June 24, 1919	Aug. 3, 1919
68	Estehr Matilda Younkel	May 27, 1917	Aug. 3, 1919
69	Marlen Guy Sweet	June 14, 1919	Aug. 24, 1919
70	Frederick Franklin Kress	Aug. 6, 1919	Oct. 5, 1919
71	Roland Emerson Moyer	July 24, 1919	Oct. 5, 1919
72	Poul Emil Buehrer	Mar. 25, 1920	May 16, 1920
73	Dorthy Jane Martha Goethe	April 29, 1920	May 23, 1920
74	Janet Florence Gustavson	July 1, 1920	July 17, 1921
75	Vernon Herbert Sweet	June 3, 1921	Sep. 26, 1921
76	Jean Marie Goethe	Aug. 22, 1921	Oct. 6, 1921
77	John Kernin Nichol	Feb. 1, 1922	April 15, 1922
78	Arline Marguerete G. Goethe	June 15, 1922	Aug. 24, 1922
79	Harriet Ruth Johnson	June 21, 1922	Sep. 30, 1922
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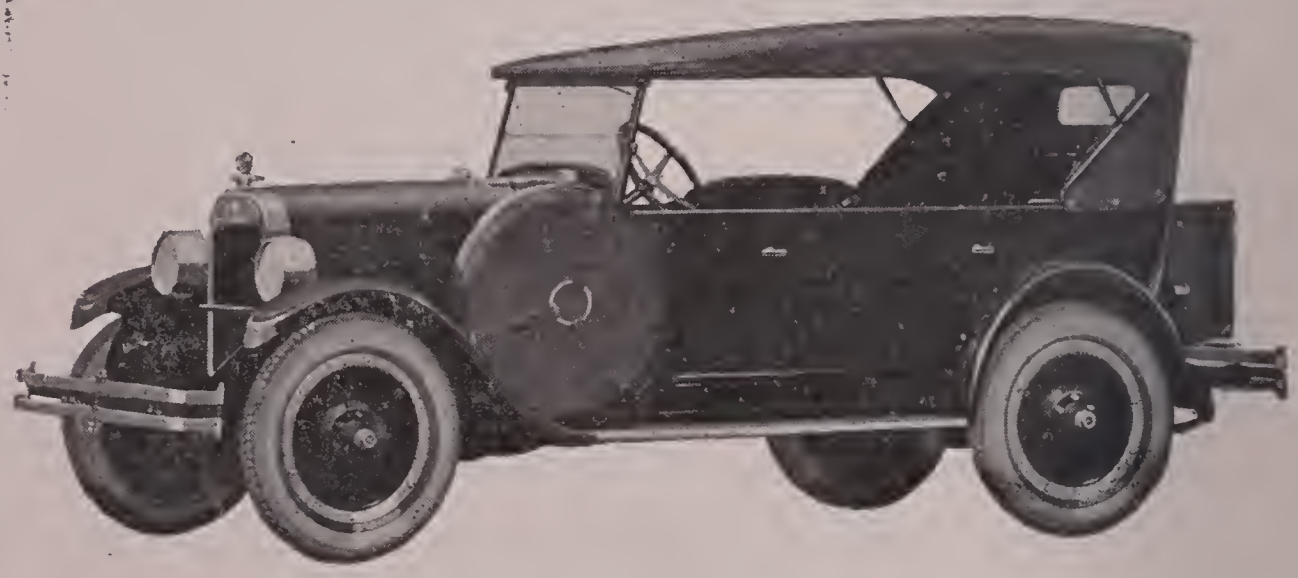

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4	Carrol Krieger __June 13, 1903	49	Hedwig Mahnke __Apr. 8, 1906
5	John Reichart ____June 13, 1903	50	Irene Scheibe _____Apr. 8, 1906
6	Mrs. J. Reichart ..June 13, 1903	51	Alma Kraft _____April 8, 1906
7	August Draheim ..June 13, 1903	52	Hans Chri. Hansen Feb. 3, 1907
8	Mrs. Aug. Draheim June 13, 1903	53	Mrs. Hans Hansen Feb. 3, 1907
9	Frank F. Kress __June 13, 1903	54	Chris. Thompson Feb. 17, 1907
10	Mrs. F. Kress ____June 13, 1903	55	Mrs. C. Thompson Feb 17, 1907
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25	Mrs. Bertha Kraft April 24, 1904	70	Henry Goethe ____April 12, 1908
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27	Anna Kraft ______Apr. 24, 1904	72	Anton Hamachek_ June 7, 1908
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29	Herman Kraft __Apr. 24, 1904	74	Ben. Thompson.. April 4, 1909
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42	Nina Schwartz___ Apr. 16, 1905	87	Mrs. Mary Bodart Mar. 20, 1910
43	Conrad Schreck ..June 15, 1905	88	Emil Kraft ______Mar. 20, 1910
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95	Aug. Elmer Bodart	Apr. 9, 1911
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97	Roy Hansen	Apr. 9, 19911
98	Lilly Kaye	Apr. 9, 1911
99	Edna Hintz	Apr. 9, 1911
100	Laura Rolewitch	Apr. 9, 1911
101	Leo Stenzel	Oct 1911
102	Mrs. Leo Stenzel	Oct. 1911
103	Oscar Schmahl	Dec. 25, 1911
104	Mrs. Os. Schmahl	Dec. 25, 1911
105	Ruben Petri	Dec. 25, 1911
106	Mrs. Ruben Petri	Dec. 25, 1911
107	Mrs. Kraveski	Dec. 25, 1911
108	Naumann	Feb. 18, 1912
109	Mrs. Naumann	Feb. 18, 1912
110	Gladys Zinser	Mar. 21, 1912
111	Ida Wintgens	Mar. 21, 1912
112	Samuel Demain	Aug. 18, 1912
113	Mrs. Sam. Demain	Aug. 18, 1912
114	Mrs. Frank Kress	Sept. 15, 1912
115	Mrs. Anton Remich	Jan. 1, 1913
116	Mrs. Chas. Mahnke	Jan. 1, 1913
117	Ethelyn Remich	Jan. 1, 1913
118	Walter Remich	Mar. 16, 1913
119	Rose Hansen	Mar. 16, 1913
120	Edwin Petri	Mar. 16, 1913
121	Raymond Kaye	Mar. 16, 1913
122	Harold Hintz	Mar. 16, 1913
123	Edward Kraneske	Mar. 16, 1913
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125	Mrs. O. Hintz	May 11, 1913
126	Mrs. Lardinois	May 11, 1913
127	Mrs. Wintgens, Jr.	Dec. 20, 1913
128	John Gaecke	Dec. 20, 1913
129	Herbert Goethe	May 23, 1915
130	Alden Huybrecht	May 23, 1915
131	Myron Hintz	May 23, 1915
132	Arthur Priewe	May 23, 1915
133	Narcisse Dost	May 23, 1915
134	Leo Rolewitch	May 23, 1915
135	Harold Hansen	April 16, 1916
136	Earnest Wintgens	April 16, 1916
137	George Kress	April 16. 1916
138	Gladys Pazourek	April 16, 1916
139	Elinore Fahl	April 16, 1916
140	Oscar Staniske	Oct. 15, 1916
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142	Martha Goethe	April 1, 1917
143	Charlotte Mahnke	Apr. 1, 1917
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147	Theadore Dost	Mar. 21, 1918
148	Melvin Kress	Mar. 21, 1918
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150	Erdine Dietrich	Mar. 21, 1918
151	Florence Hintz	Mar. 21, 1918
152	Mabel Gustavson	July 11, 1917
153	Lillian Demain	Mar. 21, 1918
154	Lucille Stern	Mar. 21, 1918
155	Mrs. E. Buehrer	Dec. 1918
156	Albin Demain	June 8, 1919
157	Ella Frisque	June 8, 1919
158	Charles Mahnke	May 9, 1920
159	John Otto	May 9, 1920
160	Mrs John Otto	May 9, 1920
161	Frank Vincent	May 9, 1920
162	W. E. Bodart	Jan. 1, 1921
163	Oliver Lytie	Jan. 23, 1921
164	Elenore Dietrich	May 15, 1921
165	Marion Pazourek	May 15, 1921
166	Florence Hansen	May 15, 1921
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179	Mrs W. Goethe	Mar. 29, 1923
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181	Morris Lytie	April 1, 1923
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183	Kenneth Schroeder	Apr. 1, 1923
184	Elmer Dost	April 1, 1923
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